

Nova



1979



Chevy Nova. Wanted for all its worth.

Let's face it. Solid value is really what you want in a car. And, it wouldn't hurt if it happened to be beautiful, too.

That's what Chevy Nova is all about. And that's what Nova has been about for more than 17 years.

Some pretty tough customers have come to show Nova a lot of respect. Law enforcement agencies across the country have tested and applauded specially equipped Novas for their durability, quality and overall rugged performance.

They've made Nova America's best-selling compact police car. It's now on duty in 49 states.

With over 4 million sold since 1982, Nova has a solid reputation for being the family car that's loaded with traditional

Shown on cover: Nova Custom Coupe in silver with available deluxe body side moldings, side window vinyl moldings, wire wheel covers, white stripe tires, bumper rub strips, bumper guards, tinted glass and sport seats.



Nova Custom Sedan shown in dark blue metallic with available deluxe body side, side window reveal, roof drip, wide wheel opening and bright rocker moldings, full wheel covers, white-stripe tires, bumper rub strips, sport mirrors and tinted glass.

Chevy value.

And over the years, Nova has accumulated solid engineering and design improvements.

It's always been what many cars are trying to be.

A word about this catalog:

We have tried to make this catalog as comprehensive and factual as possible. And we hope you find it helpful. However, since the time of printing, some of the information you'll find here may have

been updated. Also, some of the equipment shown or described throughout this brochure is available at extra cost. Your dealer has details and, before ordering, you should ask him to bring you up to date.

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Nova Custom Models.

Here's Nova at its finest: a blending of clean, graceful lines and solid value. There's honest, uncluttered beauty here. You can see right away that the Nova Custom Coupe and the Nova Custom

Sedan are no ordinary cars.

You'll notice a new bright deluxe grille. There are new single-unit rectangular headlights set in bright frames. And the double-unit taillights give Nova Custom a

very nice finish.

Then, come on in. Bring the family. Sit back in deep, full foam seat comfort. Nova Custom is as luxurious inside as it is elegant outside.



Nova Custom Coupe shown in bright yellow with available bright drip and narrow wheel opening moldings, bumper rub strips, bumper guards, remote-control outside rearview mirror and tinted glass.



Nova Custom Sedan shown in carmine metallic with available Value Appearance Group, deluxe body side moldings, wire wheel covers, white stripe trim, bumper rub strips, bumper guards and remote-control rearview mirror.

Nova Models.

Here's what Nova is all about. Solid, sensible and sized for today. Nova is the experienced car for people like you who want to experience pleasurable driving and comfort at an affordable price.

And you don't have to sacrifice good looks, either. The 1979 Nova is showcased in graceful styling and smart, clean lines. There's new front end styling and new bright chrome hood and fender moldings.

With Nova, you have a choice, too. There's the roomy Nova Hatchback and the sensible Nova Coupe and the family-sized 4-Door Nova Sedan. They are all sensible for sensible people like you.



Nova Sedan shown in light green with available body side and side window reveal moldings, full wheel covers, white-stripe tires, bumper rub strips, bumper guards.



Nova Hatchback Coupe shown in bright yellow with available roof drip, side window reveal and body side moldings, full wheel covers, white-stripe tires, bumper rub strips, bumper guards.



Nova Coupe shown in carmine metallic with available Rally Equipment package which includes color-keyed triple-band lower body side and rear panel striping, color-keyed Rally wheels with bright trim rings, lug nuts and center caps, "Nova Rally" nameplate on grille and front fenders. Also shown with available roof drip and side window reveal moldings, white-stripe tires, bumper rub strips, bumper guards and tread plates.

Nova Interiors.

Come on in. Sit back and relax. Nova can take a load off your mind. Here's where people who like their comforts really learn to like Nova.

You'll notice that the full foam bench seats are handsomely upholstered in vinyl, or you can choose available cloth

upholstery. And you can even order available bucket seats in vinyl for the Nova Custom Coupe.

There's a special perforated formed board and vinyl one-piece headlining for Nova and a non-perforated foam core, cloth covered headlining for the Nova

Custom. Both help isolate road noise.

There's color-keyed cut-pile carpet throughout. And there's a dual-spoke, soft vinyl-covered steering wheel.

Select the Nova decor and color combination that best satisfies your tastes and personality from the chart below.



Nova Custom instrument panel shown with available electric clock, air conditioning, Gage Package, Delco AM/PM stereo radio and Automatic Speed Control.

INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR COLOR COMBINATIONS

INTERIOR COLORS

		BLACK	BLUE	CAMEL	CARMINE	WHITE/ BLACK*	WHITE/ BLUE*	WHITE/ CARMINE*
NOVA CUSTOM								
Coupe (Bench)	Custom Vinyl (Std.)			X	X	X	X	X
	Custom Sport Cloth (Avail.)		X	X	X			
Coupe (Bucket)	Custom Vinyl (Std.)			X	X			
Sedan (Bench)	Custom Vinyl (Std.)			X	X			
	Custom Sport Cloth (Avail.)		X	X	X			
NOVA								
Hardtop (Bench)	Vinyl (Std.)	X	X	X	X			
Sedan and Coupe (Bench)	Vinyl (Std.)	X	X	X	X			
	Sport Cloth (Avail.)		X	X				

EXTERIOR COLORS

	BEIGE	X		X	X	X		
	BLACK	X	X	X	X	X		X
	BLUE, BRIGHT (METALLIC)	X	X	X		X	X	
	BLUE, DARK (METALLIC)	X	X	X		X	X	
	BLUE, LIGHT (METALLIC)	X	X			X	X	
	BROWN, DARK (METALLIC)	X		X		X		
	CAMEL (METALLIC)	X		X		X		
	CARMINE (METALLIC)	X		X	X	X		X
	GREEN, LIGHT	X		X		X		
	GREEN, MEDIUM (METALLIC)	X		X		X		
	RED	X		X	X	X		
	SILVER	X			X	X		
	WHITE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	YELLOW, BRIGHT	X		X		X		

* Second color on instrument panel, carpet, door side panel and rear shelf.

Cablet and Vinyl roof covers for Nova Custom and Nova in Black, Light Blue, Light Green, White, Beige, Dark Carmine and Silver. Check your dealer for complete details on vinyl roof availability with specific exterior colors.



Nova Custom Interior shown in carmine with available Custom Sport Cloth upholstery, deluxe color-keyed seat and shoulder belts, power door locks, power windows and remote-control rearview mirror.



Nova Standard Interior shown in blue with available Sport Cloth and deluxe color-keyed seat and shoulder belts.



Nova Custom Coupe Interior shown in carmel with available vinyl bucket seats and console, automatic transmission, power windows, power door locks, sport mirrors and deluxe color-keyed seat and shoulder belts.

1. High Energy Ignition. A solid-state system that eliminates points and ignition condensers, yet delivers a high voltage spark that helps extend time between recommended tune-ups.

2. New front bumper filler panels. A more finished look to front end styling.

3. Coolant recovery system. Helps prevent loss of coolant.

4. New vertical parking light lenses and frames add a stylish touch.

5. Delta Freedom battery. Never needs refilling. Sealed side terminal design helps resist corrosion.

6. Front coil/rear multi-leaf suspension system. Puts resilient coil springs at each front wheel and multi-leaf springs at rear wheels. Springs are computer-selected for the specific model and equipment weight.

7. Gas-mounted rear shock absorbers. Help reduce brake and power hop.

8. Front disc/rear drum brakes. A self-adjusting system. Fade-resistant front disc brakes have audible wear sensors to let you know when to replace linings.

9. Inner fenders. Inner shield on front and rear fenders helps provide road splash protection.

10. Double-wall construction. Provides two layers of steel in doors, hood and deck lid.

11. Ventilated rocker panels. Permit air and water to travel through and drain at ends of panels to help prevent corrosion.

12. Visible ball joint wear indicators. Located on front suspension lower control arms for visual check of ball joint wear.

13. Delcotron generator. Features built-in solid-state regulator.

14. Stub frame construction. Sturdy foundation for front end components.

MORE STANDARDS

Acrylic finish • Wall-to-wall cut-pile one-piece carpeting • Full foam seats • Color-coordinated instrument panel • Soft vinyl-covered steering wheel • New front end design • Luggage compartment mat • Built-in heater and defroster system • Outside rearview mirror on left front door • New double-unit taillights.

Extensive corrosion-resistant treatments

Include use of zinc-rich precoated metal, special primers and sealers in strategic areas and oil-base coatings.

Acoustical insulation

Special acoustical treatments have been used throughout Nova. A fiberglass hood blanket insulator is standard on Nova Custom models. Special Amberlite,[®] Plashed,[®] mastic or spray-on sound deadener treatments are used in many critical areas.

NOVA CUSTOM ONLY

Special acoustic package adds color-keyed acoustical headlining in passenger compartment and full hood insulation • Glove compartment light • Day/night inside rearview mirror • Simulated wood-grain accents on instrument panel and doors • Bright instrument cluster framing • Cloth covered padded sun visors • Rear door or quarter armrests with built-in ashtray • Left and right front door dome light switch.

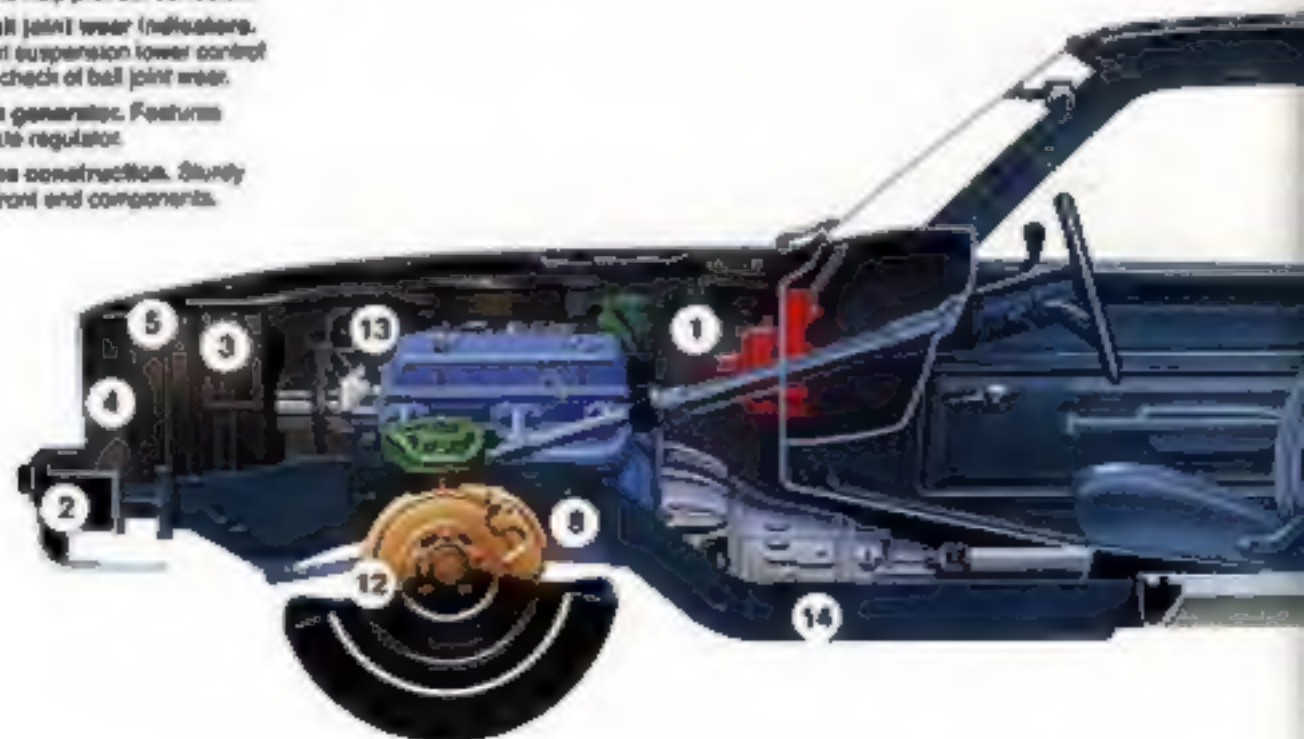
NOVA ONLY

Load-floor carpeting and space-saving Stowaway spare tire for Hatchback • Color-keyed perforated headlining • Vinyl-trimmed sun visors • Left front door dome light switch • New bright parking light frames.

DIMENSIONS

	Coupe	4-Door Sedan
EXTENSION		
Wheelbase	111.0	111.0
Length (overall)	190.7	190.7
Width (overall)	72.3	72.2
Height (loaded)	52.7	53.6
Head-Front	61.0	61.3
Head-Rear	59.0	59.0
INTERIOR		
Head Room-Front	38.2	39.1
Head Room-Rear	36.7	37.1
Leg Room-Front	41.7	41.7
Leg Room-Rear	32.4	33.2
Hip Room-Front	53.3	53.3
Hip Room-Rear	52.8	53.8
Shoulder Room-Front	56.8	56.8
Shoulder Room-Rear	55.3	56.7
Usable Luggage Capacity (cu. ft.)	13.41	13.0

[†]Coupe only. Total Cargo Index Volume for Hatchback—29.2 cu. ft.



A WORD ABOUT ENGINES

The Chevrolets shown in this catalog are equipped with GM-built engines produced by various divisions. Please refer to the Nova Power Teams chart on this page and see your dealer for details.

ENGINE SELECTION

Another very nice thing about Nova is you don't have to compromise when it comes to engine selection. For '79, you can again choose a standard L6 or select from two available V8s.

4.1 Liter L6 standard engine

The 4.1 Liter L6 In-Line 6-cylinder with Three-Speed manual transmission is standard. In California, an automatic transmission is required. Its block and cylinder head are cast iron tough. The electric choke helps give quick starts and good drivability during the warm-up period. There are hydraulic valve lifters that never need adjustments and a full counterweighted even-main-bearing crankshaft for smoothness. And there's even a socket for positioning and holding an electric probe for convenience and accuracy in setting ignition timing.

NOVA POWER TEAMS

Engine	Ordering Code	Displacement (cubic inches)	Engine Assembly	Transmission Availability		
				Three-Speed Manual	Four-Speed Manual*	Automatic
ALL STATES EXCEPT CALIFORNIA (with Standard Emission Equipment)						
4.1 Liter L6 In-Line 6-cyl.	U21	250	Std	Std	Std	EC
5.0 Liter V8 In-Line 8-cyl.	U22	305	EC (2)	Std	EC	EC
ALL STATES EXCEPT CALIFORNIA (with High Altitude Emission Equipment)						
5.7 Liter V8 In-Line 8-cyl.	U23	350	EC (2)	Std	Std	EC
CALIFORNIA ONLY (with California Emission Requirements)						
4.1 Liter L6 In-Line 6-cyl.	U27	250	Std	Std	Std	EC
5.0 Liter V8 In-Line 8-cyl.	U28	305	EC (2)	Std	Std	EC
5.7 Liter V8 In-Line 8-cyl.	U29	350	EC (2)	Std	Std	EC

Std.—Standard NA—Not Available EC—Available at extra cost
(1) With four-speeded shift control (2) Power brakes (RPO 450) required

(*) Manufactured in U.S.—EXCLUSIVELY NORTH AMERICAN
(*) PRODUCED IN CAN.—(CANADA) MANUFACTURED AND BUILT IN CANADA

Std.—Standard

Std.—Not Available

EC—Available at extra cost

(1) With four-wheel disc control. (2) Power brakes (SPD 300) required.

(*) Produced in GM—DETROIT MOTOR DIVISION

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Available V8s

Choose from a 5.0 Liter V8 or 5.7 Liter V8.* Both V8s feature a new Exhaust Gas Recirculation and cold trapped vacuum spark control system.

These available V8s are short-stroke, valve-in-head design with downward combustion.

*5.7 Liter V8 available only in California or with High Altitude Equipment.

LONG RECOMMENDED SERVICE INTERVALS

(Under normal driving conditions)

Engine Oil	12 months or 7,500 miles
Oil Filter	12 months or first 7,500 miles, every 15,000 miles thereafter
Spark Plugs	24,000 miles or 48 months, 30,000 miles in California
Chassis Lubrication	12 months or 7,500 miles
Automatic Transmission Fluid Change	Every 100,000 miles

*for V8 engines 30,000 miles



Available Options.

(See your dealer for current pricing information and specific model specifications.)

1. Air conditioning. Cooling, heating, defrosting and defogging. Includes heavy-duty radiator with 6-cylinder engine.



4. Power door lock system. Control on each front door locks and unlocks all doors. Designed for security and convenience.



5. Bumper rub strips & guards. Provide extra parking protection both front and rear.

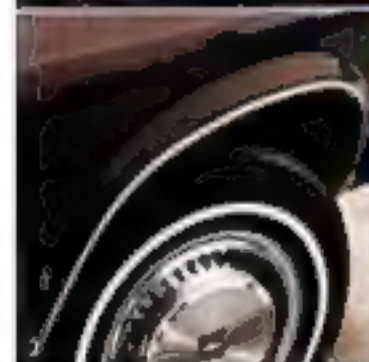


7. Full wheel covers. Styled for a very distinctive look.



2. Special instrumentation. Adds a tachometer, voltmeter, temperature gauge and clock to the instrument cluster.

3. Wheel opening moldings. Add a stylish touch. Choice of narrow width (shown) or distinctive wider width.



6. Cabriolet roof cover. Available on Hove and Hove Custom Coupes. (See page 6 for color and trim selections.)



8. Color-layed Rally wheels. Includes bright trim rings, newly styled center hubcaps, and bright trim around each of the six wheel openings.



9. Wire wheel covers. Bright chrome finish with the appearance of wire wheels.

SAFETY FEATURES.

OCCUPANT PROTECTION

Seat belts with push-button buckles for all passenger positions • Two front combination seat and inertia reel shoulder belts for driver (with reminder light and buzzer) and right front passenger • Energy-absorbing steering

column • Passenger guard door locks • Safety door latches and stamped steel binges • Folding seat back latches • Energy-absorbing padded instrument panel and front seat back tops • Contoured windshield header • Thick laminate windshield • Safety armrests

10. Power windows. Master control on driver's door, plus individual control on each door.



11. Intermittent windshield wiper system. Includes mist control position and intermittent wiper memory setting that will vary wiper cycle.

12. Comfort steering wheel. Adjusts to six positions for most comfortable driving angle and for easier entry and exiting.

13. GM-Delco AM/FM stereo radios. GM-Delco quality radios. AM/FM stereo, AM/FM or AM. Eight-track stereo tape system



14. Automatic Speed Control. Automatically maintains a constant speed. Disengages at a touch of the brake (automatic transmission and power brakes required).

15. Rear window defogger. Blower-type air defogger helps keep rear window clear in bad weather.

available with AM or AM/FM stereo radios; and AM/FM stereo radio with stereo cassette tape. Windshield antenna included.



16. Body side molding. Helps protect paint against nicks. Available with black vinyl insert.

17. Gage Package. Fuel economy gage indicates range of fuel consumption. Includes voltmeter and temperature gage.

For a more complete list of available options, see back cover of this catalog.

A word about assembly, components and optional equipment in these Chevrolets.

The Chevrolets described in this brochure are assembled at facilities of General Motors Corporation operated by the GM Assembly Division. These vehicles incorporate thousands of different components produced by various divisions of General Motors and by various suppliers to General Motors. From time to time during the manufacturing process, it may be necessary in order to meet public demand for particular vehicles or equipment, or to meet federally mandated emissions, safety and fuel economy requirements, or for other reasons, to produce Chevrolet products with different components or differently sourced components than initially advertised. All such components have been approved for use in Chevrolet products and will provide the quality performance associated with the Chevrolet name.

With respect to extra cost optional equipment, make certain you specify the type of equipment you desire on your vehicle when ordering it from your dealer. Some options may be unavailable when your car is built. Your dealer receives advice regarding current availability of options. You may ask the dealer for this information. GM also requests the dealer to advise you if an option you ordered is unavailable. We suggest you verify that your car includes the optional equipment that you ordered or, if there are changes, that they are acceptable to you.

• Safety steering wheel

ACCIDENT AVOIDANCE

Side marker lights and reflectors • Parking lamps that illuminate with headlights • Four-way hazard warning flasher • Backup lights • Lane change feature in

direction signal control • Windshield defoggers, washer and dual-speed wipers • Wide-view inside mirror (vinyl-edged, shatter-resistant glass and deflecting support) • Outside rearview mirror • Dual master cylinder brake system with warning light • Starter safety

switch • Dual action safety hood latches.

ANTI-THEFT

Anti-theft ignition key reminder buzzer • Anti-theft steering column lock.

Reasons to buy Nova.

- Reputation for dependability.
- Inexpensive to own and service.
 - Standard 4.1 Litre 1-84c. L8 engine.
 - Long recommended service intervals.
- Chevrolet's lowest priced 6-passenger car.*
- Impressive interior roominess & comfort.
- Known for value—over 4 million sold.
- Quality engineered and designed for value.
 - Rugged stub frame construction.
 - Generous application of acoustical materials.
 - Extensive use of anti-corrosion treatments and materials.
 - Double-panel door, hood and deck lid construction.

*Based on a comparison of Chevrolet's Suggested Retail Prices.

BUILD YOUR OWN NOVA

(See your dealer for up-to-date ordering information and specific model/options availability.)

MODELS

- ☐ Nova Custom Coupe
 ☐ Nova Hatchback Coupe
 ☐ Nova 4-Door Sedan
- ☐ Nova Custom 4-Door Sedan
 ☐ Nova Coupe

COLORS (See chart on page 8 for color availability and combinations.)

Exterior color _____ Interior color _____ Cabriolet or vinyl roof color _____ Upholstery _____

ENGINES (See chart on page 8 for engine/transmission availability.)

- ☐ 4.1 Litre 1-84c. L8 (250 Cu. In.)—Std.
 ☐ 5.0 Litre 2-84c. V8 (305 Cu. In.)—Avail.
 ☐ 5.7 Litre 4-84c. V8 (350 Cu. In.)—Avail.

TRANSMISSIONS

- ☐ Three-Speed Manual (Std.)[†]
☐ Four-Speed Manual (Avail.)[†]
☐ Automatic Transmission (Avail.)[†]

AVAILABLE OPTIONS

- ☐ Air conditioning.
- ☐ Comfort steering wheel.
- ☐ Automatic Speed Control.
- ☐ Deluxe color-keyed seat & shoulder belts.
- ☐ Power brakes.
- ☐ Power steering.
- ☐ Power windows.
- ☐ Bumper rub strips & guards.
- ☐ Electric clock.
- ☐ Console.
- ☐ Rear window defogger.
- ☐ Power door lock system.
- ☐ Color-keyed floor mats—front & rear.
- ☐ Special instrumentation.
- ☐ Tinted glass.
- ☐ Bucket seats.
- ☐ Gauge Package.
- ☐ Interior Decor Package.
- ☐ Auxiliary lighting.
- ☐ Day/night inside rearview mirror.
- ☐ Remote-control outside rearview mirror.
- ☐ Sport mirrors, LH remote & RH manual.
- ☐ Slowway spare tire.

MOULDINGS AND TRIM

- ☐ Deluxe body side moldings.
- ☐ Bright body side moldings.
- ☐ Door edge guards.

- ☐ Roof drip moldings.
- ☐ Bright rocker moldings.
- ☐ Wide wheel opening moldings.
- ☐ Wheel opening moldings.
- ☐ Side window reveal moldings.

SOUND EQUIPMENT

- ☐ AM radio.
- ☐ AM/FM radio.
- ☐ AM/FM stereo radio.
- ☐ AM radio with 8-track stereo tape.
- ☐ AM/FM stereo radio with 8-track stereo tape.
- ☐ AM/FM stereo radio with stereo cassette tape.
- ☐ AM/FM stereo radio with digital clock display.
- ☐ Rear seat speaker.
- ☐ Windshield antenna.

SUSPENSION EQUIPMENT

- ☐ Heavy-duty front & rear suspension.
- ☐ Sport suspension.

TIRES

- ☐ E78-14 bias-belted ply white-stripe tires.
- ☐ FR78-14 steel-belted radial ply blackwall tires.

- ☐ FR78-14 steel-belted radial ply white-stripe tires.
- ☐ FR78-14 steel-belted radial ply white-lettered tires.

SPECIAL APPEARANCE

- ☐ Nova Rally Equipment.
- ☐ Two-Tone paint.
- ☐ Cabriolet roof cover.
- ☐ Vinyl roof cover.
- ☐ Body side pin striping.
- ☐ Value Appearance Group.

WHEELS AND WHEEL COVERS

- ☐ Color-keyed Rally wheels.
- ☐ Full wheel covers.
- ☐ Wire wheel covers.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ☐ Swing-out rear side windows.
- ☐ Intermittent windshield wiper system.
- ☐ Dust horns.
- ☐ Heavy-duty battery.
- ☐ Heavy-duty radiator.
- ☐ Performance ratio axle.
- ☐ Limited slip differential (rear axle).



Tires available in California.
*Required in California.



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